been completed and all the contracts, except for Allahabad bypass (84 km stretch), have been awarded.

(b) Presumably the information has been sought on Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressways around Delhi, which ralates to Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation. National Capital Regional Planning Board has decided the alignment for these Expressways. The proposed alignment of Western Peripheral Expressway passes through National Capital Territory of Delhi and Haryana, while that of Eastern Peripheral Expressway passes through Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. It has been agreed in principle that the Western Peripheral Expressway may be implemented by National Highway Authority of India as a part of National Highway Development Project (NHDP) provided 150 meters wide land is acquired by the respective State Government and made available.

Accidents on National Highways

†1747. DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that accidents on the highways are on the increase day by day if so, the details thereof for the last five years alongwith people died as a result thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to formulate any such scheme with a view to overcome the increasing accidents on National Highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir. As reported by the State Governments, the number of road accidents on Naitonal Highways and the number of person killed therein in the country during the last five years is given hereunder:

Year	Road Accidents	Persons Killed
1	2	3
1996	89046(P)	24168 (P)
1997	94014 (P)	25863(P)

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
1998	98690(P)	26682(P)
1999	103839	28713
2000	110508	30216

P = Provisional

(b) and (c) Necessary measures of road safety on all National Highways are incorporated in the Road Design at the detailed project report stage. The Government has also taken a number of steps besides highway design to improve the road Safety on National Highways. These include:

(i) About 15,750 drivers of heavy motor vehicles have been provided refresher training in the last Plan period.

(ii) Publicity campaigns on road safety awareness through audiovisual-print media.

(iii) Grants-in-aid is provided to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(iv) Use of simulators in driver's training is encouraged.

(v) National Award instituted for voluntary organizations/individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(vi) All India Essay Competition on road safety are organized for school children for creating awareness among the school children.

(vii) Fitness norms for transport vehicles have been tightened.

(viii) Widening/improvement of roads.

Road accidents

1748. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that motor vehicle accidents and resultants deaths are on the rise;

(b) if so, the details thereof in each State during the last five years;

(c) the role of alcohol consumption in these accidents;

(d) whether there is any proposal to ban the liquor shops on the Naitonal Highways under the National Highways Act; and